



# Southeast Fishery Bulletin

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## **Commercial Harvest of Cardinal and Queen Snapper in Puerto Rico Federal Waters Closed on September 21, 2013**

NOAA Fisheries reminds fishers that the commercial harvest of Snapper Unit 2, which includes cardinal and queen snapper, closed in Puerto Rico federal waters **at 12:01 a.m. (local time) on September 21, 2013.** Commercial harvest will reopen at 12:01 a.m. (local time) on January 1, 2014. During the closure, no commercial fisherman may fish for or keep cardinal or queen snapper in or from Puerto Rico federal waters. NOAA Fisheries has determined based on 2010–2011 data, that the commercial annual catch limit for Snapper Unit 2 has been exceeded.

The U.S. Caribbean federal waters around Puerto Rico consist of those waters extending from the nine nautical mile seaward boundary of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico out to 200 nautical miles offshore.

This action complies with regulations implemented under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, and is necessary to protect these resources.

This bulletin provides only a summary of the information regarding the existing regulations. Any discrepancies between this bulletin and the regulations as published in the *Federal Register* will be resolved in favor of the *Federal Register*.

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